

# Assessment

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Theme 5: Impact of Taxes  
Lesson 2: The Politics of Taxation

## *Part 1*

Match the clues to the correct terms found in the answer key. Write the letter of each term in the space provided.

***Answer Key:***

- A. tax deduction
- B. lobbyist
- C. horizontal equity
- D. tax credit
- E. tax exemption

- \_\_\_\_\_ “Equals should be taxed equally.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ Can be deducted directly from taxes owed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Part of income that isn’t taxed
- \_\_\_\_\_ She knows her way around an issue
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reduces income subject to tax

## *Part 2*

Identify the speakers of the statements below as a lobbyist, a member of Congress, or the public. Write the letter of the correct response in the space provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. “The taxes on my house are so high that I can’t afford to send my kids to college.”
  - A. public
  - B. lobbyist
  - C. member of Congress
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. “The data shows that the current local tax laws negatively impact young homeowners.”
  - A. public
  - B. lobbyist
  - C. member of Congress

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. “We’ll adjust tax laws on homes so that all young couples can afford a new home.”  
A. public  
B. lobbyist  
C. member of Congress
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. “It is not fair that people who have children get more tax breaks than those of us who don’t have children.”  
A. public  
B. lobbyist  
C. member of Congress
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. “If renters in our city would agree to pay taxes that support the school system, would you consider changing the current tax law?”  
A. public  
B. lobbyist  
C. member of Congress

### *Part 3*

Indicate whether each of the following statements below is True or False. Write your answer in the space provided.

1. Tax credits, exemptions, and deductions help make taxation fairer. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Horizontal equity rarely occurs because tax laws do not permit it. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A key to being a good lobbyist is understanding the issues. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Lobbyists serve the community at large. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Members of Congress listen to lobbyists. \_\_\_\_\_